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AB 900 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a historic and comprehensive corrections overhaul bill on May 3, 2007. The bipartisan legislation, Assembly Bill 900 (Solorio; D-Anaheim), addresses health care space deficiencies and overcrowding in California's prisons and provides resources to improve public safety by reducing the rates at which inmates re-victimize communities and return to prison. AB 900 authorized more than \$7 billion in funding for state prison projects, reentry facilities and local jail beds to ease the overcrowding in California's prisons and local jails. It provides resources to improve public safety by reducing recidivism rates. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has started construction on three projects. Several more are in the planning phase.

State Prison Projects – AB 900 authorized \$3.5 billion to build new beds and additional treatment and programming space at existing prisons. These facilities will address severe shortages in medical beds and treatment space, and housing for maximum-security reception center inmates, in addition to necessary programming space to support this expanded capacity. Currently, nearly 10,000 beds are planned with additional space to provide health care to thousands more. Several projects have broken ground, with others to immediately follow as indicated below:

California Medical Facility (Vacaville)

On June 15, 2010, CDCR broke ground on its first AB 900 construction project, a 64-bed intermediate-care mental health facility at California Medical Facility in Vacaville.

Construction Quick Facts

- Firm: Brown Construction Inc., of West Sacramento
- Total Project Cost: \$33,671,000
- Fund Source: AB 900 (GC 15819.40/Bond Funding)
- Construction timeline: June 2010 start, August 2011 completion
- Facility Activation: December 2011
- Contract #: FAC.09014.
- Link to video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3g12VjKYuo>

California Institution for Women (Corona)

On June 17, 2010, CDCR broke ground on the second mental health facility in a week. The project, a 45-bed acute/intermediate-care mental health facility serving female inmates at California Institution for Women in Corona, was authorized by AB 900. CDCR awarded the project to Soltek Pacific Construction of San Diego after a competitive process involving 18 construction firms. Soltek Pacific Construction will join other participants on the project team including staff from CDCR, consultants Kitchell CEM, Gilbane Building Co. and Nacht & Lewis Architects.

Construction Quick Facts

- Firm: Soltek Pacific Construction, San Diego
- Total Project Cost: \$33,763,000
- Fund Source: AB 900 (GC 15819.40)
- Construction timeline: June 2010 start, December 2011 completion
- Contract #: FAC.09018.

California Health Care Facility-Stockton

On November 4, 2010, CDCR broke ground for a 1.2 million square-foot prison medical facility on 400 acres of state-owned land south of Stockton. The facility will provide medical and mental health treatment with up to 1,722 beds for patient-inmates. The estimated cost of construction is \$738 million.

Construction Quick Facts

- Firm: URS Corp., San Francisco
- Total Project Cost: \$906 million
- Fund Source: AB 900
- Construction timeline: November 2010 start, December 2013 completion.

California Men's Colony (San Luis Obispo)

CDCR will break ground at the California Men's Colony in January 2011 for a 50-bed mental health crisis unit. The cost of this court-ordered project is currently estimated at \$56 million; however, CDCR anticipates that due to market conditions bids will be less than the state's estimate when opened December 7, 2010. CDCR anticipates breaking ground in January 2011, marking significant progress in addressing a shortage of mental health crisis beds in its system.

Estrella (Paso Robles)

CDCR is finalizing an Environmental Impact Report on two AB 900-funded projects proposed on the grounds of a former juvenile correctional facility in Paso Robles. Once the report has been adopted, CDCR intends to announce the project formally in a ceremony at the site as early as December 2010. The proposed project is to convert a former juvenile correctional facility to house 1,000 adult inmates with medical needs, construct a secure reentry facility to house inmates returning to the region in their last year of incarceration and allow CAL FIRE to re-open a long-shuttered camp that provided vital emergency fire response in the area. The estimated cost for the prison and conservation camp is \$270 million. The projects would provide nearly 1,000 permanent jobs and thousands more temporary construction jobs.

Secure Reentry Facility Projects – AB 900 authorized \$2.6 billion in Secure Reentry Facilities, small and secure centers that provide offenders with job training, mental health and substance-abuse counseling, housing placement, and other programs in the critical few months just prior to their release. Currently, 10,000 beds are projected to be provided using this appropriation. One project has been approved with others to follow as indicated below:

Apple Valley Reentry Facility (San Bernardino): Groundbreaking date TBD

This project, with a total budget of \$163,063,000, will provide 500 reentry beds, programming and support services in a new 216,000 square-foot building adjacent to the San Bernardino County High Desert Juvenile Detention Center in Apple Valley. The county-owned property was authorized for site selection by the State Public Works Board (PWB) in 2009, and the option agreement was approved by the board on August 4, 2010. The EIR has commenced for this project. A design and construction date is pending.

Northern California Reentry Facility: Groundbreaking date TBD

This project, with a total budget of \$116,811,000, will renovate the former Northern California Women's Facility to provide 500 re-entry beds, programming, treatment and support services to inmates who qualify for CDCR's Reentry Program. The PWB approved the project at its September 20, 2010, session, and the project was funded by the State Pooled Money Investment Board on October 20, 2010. This project's EIR was litigated, and the plaintiffs prevailed. The 45-day public review period for the EIR ends November 29, 2010. The EIR is anticipated to be complete in December 2010, at which time a ceremonial groundbreaking event will be scheduled. Construction will commence in 2012 and be completed in 2013.

San Diego Reentry Facility: Groundbreaking date TBD

The total budget for this project is \$163,063,000. This project will provide 500 reentry beds, programming and support services in a new 216,000 square-foot building on the grounds of R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility. The project's EIR completion is necessary in order to proceed with the project, which will be started after PWB approval.

Local Jail Beds – Many local jail facilities are suffering from overcrowding and in some cases, facing court-ordered population caps. AB 900 authorized \$1.2 billion to help fund jail expansion. Local communities must first agree to site a state reentry facility within the community in exchange for this funding.

San Bernardino County Jail: Groundbreaking planned for December 15, 2010, CDCR, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and San Bernardino County officials are finalizing plans for a groundbreaking ceremony. The county- and state-funded project will build a 1,368-bed jail at an estimated cost of \$133 million. The state's \$100 million share will be funded by AB 900 lease revenue proceeds. San Bernardino County entered into an option agreement to allow the state to build a secure reentry facility in Apple Valley. The PWB approved the transaction at its August 2010 meeting.

Calaveras County Jail: Groundbreaking Date TBD

This county- and state-funded jail project will provide 160 new jail beds at a cost of approximately \$31 million. The project was established at the September 20, 2010 PWB meeting and design is under way. Construction should commence in spring 2011.

Madera County Jail: Groundbreaking Date TBD

This county- and state-funded project will provide 144 new jail beds at a cost of approximately \$35 million. The project was established at the October 25, 2010, PWB meeting and design is under way. Construction should commence in spring 2011.

San Diego County Jail: Groundbreaking Date TBD

This county- and state-funded jail project will provide 1,270 new jail beds at a cost of approximately \$287 million. The project will be established at the December 13, 2010, PWB meeting, and construction is set to begin in summer 2011.

For more information on CDCR construction projects please see:

<http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/FPCM/index.html>

For a state map showing all AB 900 construction projects please see:

http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reentry/docs/AB_900_Map.pdf

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